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FM AMEMBASSY SOFIA

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AMEMBASSY BONN

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TAGS: PFOR, BU, GW

SUBJECT: FRG- BULGARIAN RELATIONS

1. MEMBER OF FRG TRADE MISSION PROVIDED FOLLOWING
PERSONAL ASSESSMENT OF FRG- BULGARIAN RELATIONS IN WAKE
OF RECENT DEVELOPMENTS FRG- CZECHOSLOVAK RELATIONS.

2. SOURCE SAYS THAT GOB HAS ALREADY MADE " LOW- LEVEL"
SOUNDINGS ON STEPS NECESSARY TO BEGIN NEGOTIATIONS
LEADING TO ESTABLISHING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. GOB
HAS INDICATED THAT IT IS WILLING TO BEGIN TALKS FOLLOW-
ING SIGNATURE OF FRG- CZECH AGREEMENT WHICH, ACCORDING
TO SOURCE, NOW SCHEDULED SECOND OR THIRD WEEK JUNE.

IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION WHETHER FRG WOULD MOVE
FIRST IN SOFIA OR BUDAPEST, FRG OFFICIAL SAID MUCH
DEPENDENT ON ATTITUDE OF GOB AND GOH. HE VENTURED
" PERSONAL VIEW" THAT RELATIONS WOULD BE ESTABLISHED
WITH BULGARIA FIRST, IF ONLY BECAUSE THERE ARE NO
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COMPLICATIONS WITH GOB ARISING OUT OF WORLD WAR II.
GERMAN PROPERTY IN BULGARIA CONFISCATED BY
ALLIED POWERS AND SO FAR AS HE WAS AWARE THERE WERE
NO BULGARIAN ASSETS BLOCKED IN FRG. AS RESULT, HE
WOULD EXPECT NEGOTIATIONS COULD BE COMPLETED " VERY
QUICKLY."

4. COMMENT: SOURCE MAY BE OVERLY OPTIMISTIC RE-
GARDING GOB INTENT TO MOVE QUICKLY FOLLOWING SIGNA-
TURE OF CZECH AGREEMENT. BULGARIA CERTAINLY WILL
ADHERE ANY SCENARIO
LAID DOWN BY MOSCOW AND UN-
WILLING OFFEND EAST BERLIN BY UNDUE HASTE IN COZY-
ING UP TO BONN. ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RE-
LATIONS BETWEEN BONN AND SOFIA WOULD PROBABLY MEAN
FINAL BURIAL OF DEFERRED PLANS FOR FRG RETALIATE
FOR GOB REFUSAL PERMIT MODERN AIR FLIGHTS FROM BERLIN
DIRECT TO BULGARIAN BLACK SEA COAST.
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